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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Koichi IIDA et al.**

Art Unit: **3627**

Application No.: **10/528,274**

Examiner: **Maria Teresa T. Thein**

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For: **PART ORDERING AMOUNT CALCULATION DEVICE**

Attorney Docket Number: **052264**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

November 14, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 24, 2008, and having a response due date set for November 24, 2008.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- Group I Claim 1, drawn to a system comprising pricing inputting means for inputting a price of the parts; part price storing means; prescribed price inputting means for inputting a prescribed price to be compared with the inputted price of the parts; prescribed pricing storing means; and selecting means for comparing the inputted price with the stored prescribed price;
- Group II Claim 2, drawn to a system comprising size inputting means; part size storing means; prescribed size inputting means; prescribed sizing storing means; and selecting means for comparing the inputted size with the stored prescribed size; and
- Group III Claim 3, drawn to a system comprising lead time inputting means; part lead time storing means; prescribed lead time inputting means; prescribed lead time storing means; and selecting means for comparing inputted lead time with the stored prescribe lead time.

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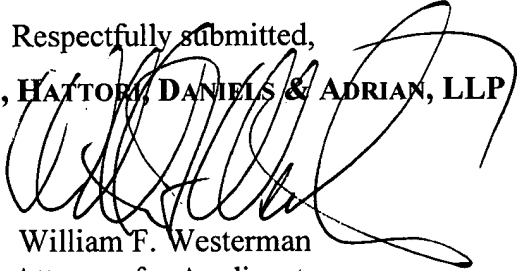
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Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claim 1. This election is made with traverse, claims 1-3 have a common characteristic features that a system automatically selects the first or second part order quantity computing means based on a nature (price, size, lead time) of parts, as shown in the element j of claims 1-3. Therefore, claims 1-3 contain a single general inventive concept.

Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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